

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 12-14, 16, and 18 are currently amended.

Claims 19-48 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 49-76 are added.

After amending the claims as set forth above, Claims 1-18 and 49-76 are now pending in this application, of which Claims 1 and 64 are independent.

Election

Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-18, for examination, with traverse.

New Claims

Each of the added claims is believed to be supported by the specification as filed and is not believed to add new matter. Further, each added claim is believed to belong to Group 1 which has been elected.

A. Claims 49-63

Claims 49-63 depend from Claim 1 so are believed to properly belong to Group 1.

Claims 49-63 are believed to be supported by the specification as filed. In particular, Claim 56 is supported by the specification at paragraph [0024] and Claims 59-62 are supported by the specification at paragraphs [0042] and [0043].

B. Claims 64-76

Claim 64 recites each of the specific elements of Claim 1 so is related to Group 1 as a combination / sub-combination, and Claim 64 is believed to properly belong to Group 1. In particular, Claims 64-76 recite elements substantially similar to Claim 14 and Claims 49-63.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance.
Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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